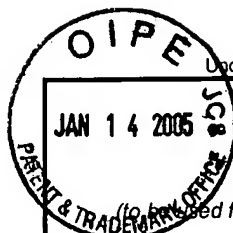


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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed December 10, 2004, in which the Examiner required restriction between five groups of claims, as follows:

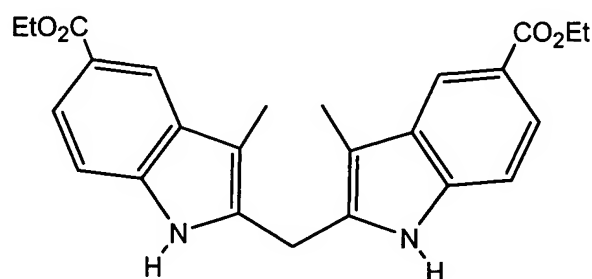
- I. Claims 14-24, 54-58, in part, drawn to compounds/compositions of formula (II), wherein the variables $R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7, R^8, R^{11}, R^{12}, R^{13}$, and R^{14} independently do not represent heteroaryl or heterocycle, the variables $R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7, R^8, R^{11}, R^{12}, R^{13}$, and R^{14} independently are not substituted with heteroaryl or heterocycle; any two adjacent (ortho) variables $R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7, R^8, R^{11}, R^{12}, R^{13}$, and R^{14} are not linked to form a 5- or 6-membered cyclic rings or fused five-membered and/or six-membered ring, or heteraromatic ring having heteroatoms, or heteroalicyclic ring having heteroatoms, the variable X does not represent heteroarylene;
- II. Claims 14-24, 54-58, in part, drawn to compounds/compositions of formula (II), receiving compounds not compassed in the Group I;

- III. Claims 85-97, drawn to methods of use (i.e., treating cancer) of compounds of formula (II), receiving compounds in the Group I;
- IV. Claim 100, drawn to methods of use (i.e., treating estrogen-related diseases) of compounds of formula (II), receiving compounds in the Group I; and
- V. Claims 103, 110-112, drawn to methods of use (i.e., treating viral infection) of compounds of formula (II), receiving compounds in the Group I.

In addition, an election of species was required with respect to a single disclosed compound within the elected group for the purpose of the Examiner's initial search and examination.

In response, applicants elect Group I, claims 14-24, 54-58, in part, drawn to compounds/compositions of formula (II). Applicants make this election with traverse, for the reasons discussed in detail below.

With regard to the species election requirement, applicants elect the following compound, identified as compound 46 (SR 13654) in the application (Example 14):



5,5'-dicarbethoxy-3,3'-dimethyl-2,2'-diindolylmethane

Applicants respectfully traverse the Requirement for Restriction, in part, since the Groups III to V are directed to methods of use of the compounds identified as forming Group I. Notwithstanding the criteria cited in the Office Action, these methods are actually "related" in the context that they involve the use of the same Group of compounds. As such, it seems reasonable that the methods of use of the same compounds should be examined along with the compounds themselves.

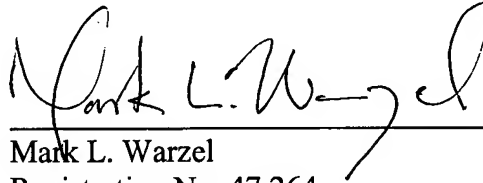
In addition, given the requirement that method of use claims be rejoined with allowable product claims (according to the standards mentioned in the Office Action and set forth in MPEP §821.04), the method of use claims will need to be searched and examined anyway since these claims are dependent claims that depend from independent claim 14.

For at least the foregoing reasons, applicants respectfully submit that the method of use claims identified in Groups III to V should be examined with the compound claims of Group I. In the alternative, applicants request rejoinder of the Groups III to V claims with the Group I claims at the appropriate time.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this communication, or would like to discuss the application, the art, or other pertinent matters, a telephone call to the undersigned at (650) 330-0900 would be appreciated.

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